

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consulting Services for the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX) Bridging Study

Pre-Proposal Conference



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November 10, 2025

What we will cover today

Agenda

- 1. Project Background**
- 2. Scope of Work**
- 3. RFP Information**
- 4. Q&A Session**



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Project Background



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Context

- **Railyards Alignment and Benefits Study (SF Planning Dept - completed 2018)**

- Studied the Caltrain/HSR corridor through San Francisco and confirmed The Portal's alignment, connecting to Salesforce Transit Center
- Established the PAX tunneled alignment as San Francisco's preferred long-term option for grade separation of the Caltrain/HSR corridor in San Francisco

- **PAX Project Initiation Study (SFCTA - completed 2022)**

- Evaluated multiple tunnel design options south of The Portal interface
- Considered project constraints and narrowed range of feasible alternatives

- **Railyards Preliminary Business Case (Caltrain/Prologis - completed 2024)**

- Developed medium- and long-term concepts for the Railyards Site, consisting of vertical development and rail/station infrastructure improvements

- **The Portal/Downtown Rail Extension Project (TJPA - ongoing)**

- Currently in FTA Engineering Phase, with planned revenue service date of 2036 (subject to funding)



SFCTA PAX Project Initiation Study: Key Outcomes

1. Developed and narrowed down feasible alignment options

- Three broad families of options identified

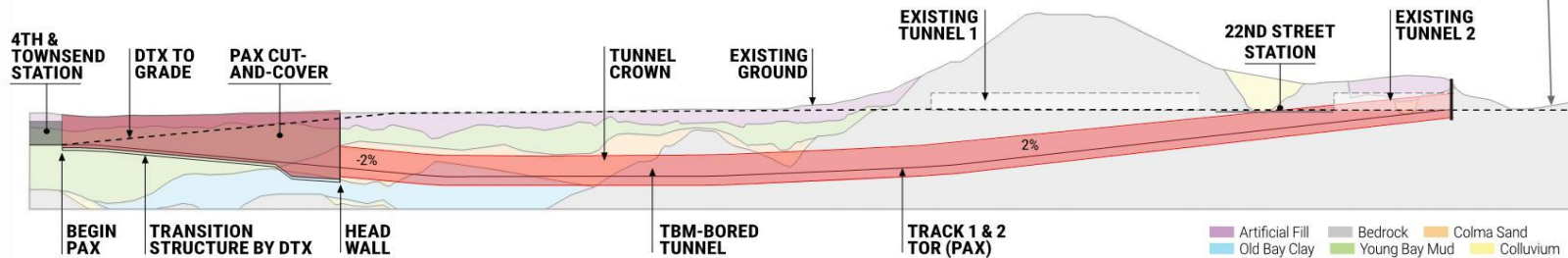
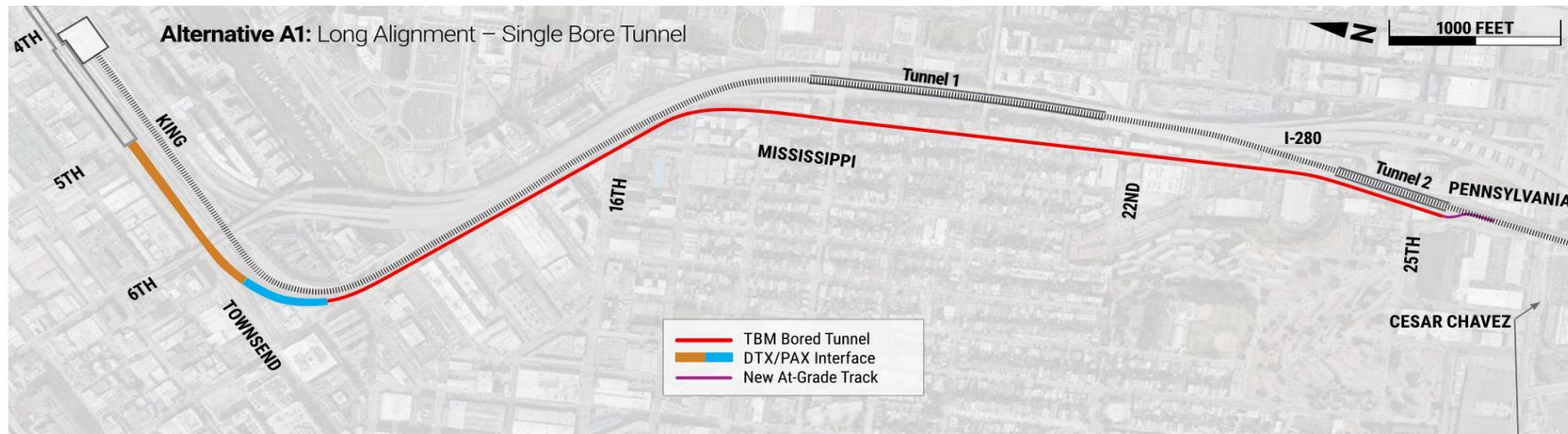
2. Developed preliminary capital cost estimates for design options

3. Advanced assessment of project interfaces

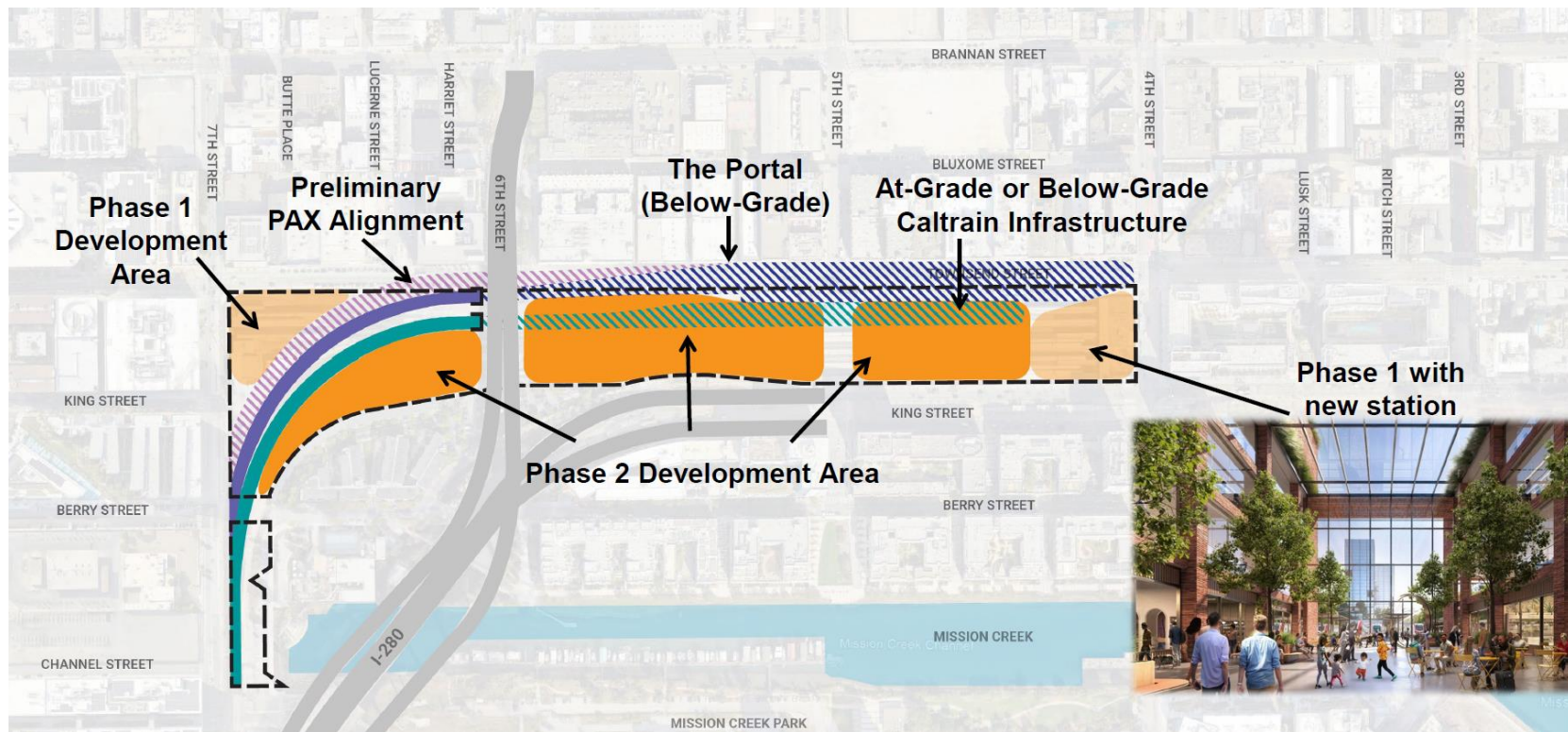
- Portal project
- Railyards site
- Existing corridor infrastructure



Project Initiation Study: Example Plan and Profile



Railyards Site Development: Project Vision at Full Buildout



Source: Caltrain (October 2024)

Bridging Study Scope of Work



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Bridging Study Objectives and Phases

Study Objectives

- Develop stated requirements for PAX design and construction, with consideration of related projects.
- Investigate opportunities to reduce PAX cost and risk.
- Coordinate with related projects.
- Engage with partner agencies, stakeholders, and the community.
- Identify potential next steps for the Project.

Phase A: Project Requirements & Optioneering

- Approximately 12 months
- Focus on Project design, constructability, and integration with adjacent/interfacing projects focusing on the north end of the Project alignment
- Consultant budget ceiling: up to \$700,000

Phase B: Project Advancement (OPTIONAL)

- Approximately 12 months
- If pursued, would continue to advance the Project, guided by the outcomes of Phase A
- Consultant budget ceiling: up to \$350,000

Phase A – Scope of Work: Tasks/Sub-tasks

1. Project Management and Partner Engagement

- 1.1: Project Management
- 1.2: Partner Engagement

2. Requirements and Constructability

- 2.1: Owner's Project Requirements
- 2.2: Adjacent and Interfacing Projects
- 2.3: Constructability
- 2.4: Phasing and Sequencing

3. Option Development and Refinement

- 3.1: Review of Options, Constraints, and Opportunities
- 3.2: Project Options Design Development
- 3.3: Utility Analysis
- 3.4: Planning-Level Cost and Schedule
- 3.5: Supporting Technical Analyses

4. Support for Community Engagement

5. Phase A Study Report

Optional Phase B – Scope of Work: Tasks/Sub-tasks

6. Project Management and Partner Engagement

- 6.1: Project Management
- 6.2: Partner Engagement

7. Project Technical Advancement

- 7.1: Design and Other Technical Studies
- 7.2: Related Projects Coordination and Interfaces

8. Support to Stakeholder and Community Engagement

9. Bridging Study Final Report

- 9.1: Project Roadmap
- 9.2: Final Report

RFP Information



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RFP Key Information

- **Contract term:** Up to 2 years
- **Contract budget:** Up to \$1,050,000
 - \$700,000 for Phase A and \$350,000 for Optional Phase B
- **Proposal due date:** December 19, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Submit electronic proposals to** info@sfcta.org

RFP Scoring

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➤ **Evaluation criteria (100 points):**

- Proposer Information and Understanding of Project Objectives (15 points)
- Technical and Management Approach (50 points)
- Capabilities and Experience (35 points)

LBE/SBE/SFCTA DBE Requirements



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- **LBE/SBE/SFCTA DBE Goal: 13%**
- **Firms must be certified by the proposal due date**
- **Accepted certifications:**
 - LBE certification by the City and County of San Francisco
 - SBE or DVBE certification from the California Department of General Services
 - DBE certification by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority

RFP Submittal Requirements



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- **Proposal:** 1 electronic copy (PDF) without cost proposal
 - Limited to 20 pages
 - Page limit excludes resumes, exhibits, etc. (RFP page 10)
- **Cost proposal:** 1 electronic copy (XLS/XLSX format)
 - Must be submitted separately from proposal
 - Hourly billing rates + hours/costs by person/task (RFP page 16)
- **Exhibits:** (RFP page 14)
 - Exhibit A - Terminated Contracts
 - Exhibit B - Workforce Data Spreadsheets

Proposal Schedule



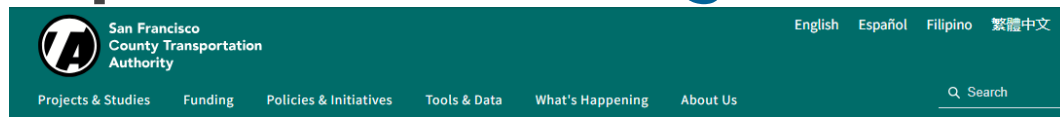
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DUE DATE	SELECTION PROCESS
November 12	5:00 PM deadline for proposers to submit written questions to info@sfcta.org
November 20	Written responses to questions issued; addenda if necessary
December 19, 2025	2:00 PM deadline for proposals due electronically. Late submissions not accepted.
January 8, 2026*	Invitation to Interview issued to short list of proposers (if necessary)
January 14-16*	Interviews * (scheduled if necessary)
TBD*	Recommendation to Community Advisory Committee for award
TBD*	Recommendation to Transportation Authority Board for award
TBD*	Transportation Authority Board awards contract

*subject to change

Presentation Materials

Slide deck and list of attendees will be posted to [SFCTA.org/contracting](https://sfcta.org/contracting)



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Questions & Answers



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